AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims

1. (Original) An image processing device for processing image data representing an image, said image processing device comprising:

an extraction controller for extracting feature relating to image color of the image from the image data;

a determination controller for determining a frame color based on the feature extracted by said extraction controller, and

a synthesis controller for generating a frame of the frame color determined by the determination controller around the image and synthesizing a product image.

2. (Currently Amended) [[An]] The image processing device as claimed in claim 1,

wherein said extraction controller extracts a color system having the largest surface area within the image.

3. (Currently Amended) [[An]] The image processing device as claimed in claim 2,

wherein said determination controller sets the frame color to a color belonging to the color system extracted by said extraction controller.

4. (Currently Amended) [[An]] The image processing device as claimed in claim 2,

wherein said determination controller sets the frame color to a color belonging to a color

system corresponding to a complement of the color system extracted by said extraction

controller.

5. (Currently Amended) [[An]] The image processing device as claimed in claim 1,

wherein said extraction controller extracts a color system having the largest surface area

within the image and a color system having the next largest area within the image.

6. (Currently Amended) [[An]] The image processing device as claimed in claim 5,

wherein said determination controller sets the frame color to an intermediate color

between the color systems extracted by said extraction controller.
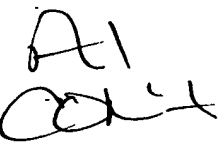

7. (Currently Amended) [[An]] The image processing device as claimed in claim 1,

wherein said extraction controller extracts a color which is most conspicuous within the

image.

8. (Currently Amended) [[An]] The image processing device as claimed in claim 7,

wherein said determination controller sets the frame color to a color belonging to the

color system to which the extracted color belongs.

9. (Currently Amended) [[An]] The image processing device as claimed in claim 7,

wherein said determination controller sets the frame color to a color belonging to a color system corresponding to a complement of the color extracted by said extraction controller.

10. (Currently Amended) [[An]] The image processing device as claimed in claim 1, wherein said determination controller suggests a plurality of frame color candidates based on the feature extracted by the extraction controller, and determines the frame color according to a selection of a user from among the plurality of suggested frame color candidates.

11. (Original) An image processing method for processing image data representing an image, said image processing method comprising steps of:

extracting a feature quantity of a color of an image;

determining a frame color based on the feature extracted in said extracted step; and

generating a frame of the determined color around a periphery of the image and combining the generated frame with the image.

12. (Currently Amended) [[An]] The image processing method as claimed in claim 11, wherein said extracting step extracts a color system having the largest surface area within the image.

13. (Currently Amended) [[An]] The image processing method as claimed in claim 12, wherein said determining step sets the frame color to a color belonging to the color system extracted by said extracting step.

14. (Currently Amended) [[An]] The image processing method as claimed in claim 12, wherein said determining step sets the frame color to a color belonging to a color system corresponding to a complement of the color system extracted by said extracting step.

15. (Currently Amended) [[An]] The image processing method as claimed in claim 14, wherein said extracting step extracts a color system having the largest surface area within the image and a color system having the next largest area within the image.

16. (Currently Amended) [[An]] The image processing method as claimed in claim 15, wherein said determining step sets the frame color to an intermediate color between the color systems extracted by said extracting step.

17. (Currently Amended) [[An]] The image processing method as claimed in claim 11, wherein said extracting step extracts a color which is most conspicuous within the image.

18. (Currently Amended) [[An]] The image processing method as claimed in claim 17, wherein said determining step sets the frame color to a color belonging to the color system to which the extracted color belongs.

19. (Currently Amended) [[An]] The image processing method as claimed in claim 17, wherein said determining step sets the frame color to a color belonging to a color system corresponding to a complement of the color extracted by said extracting step.

20. (Currently Amended) [[An]] The image processing method as claimed in claim 11,

wherein said determining step includes a step of suggesting a plurality of frame color

candidates based on the feature extracted by the extracting step, and a step of determining the

frame color according to a selection of a user from among the plurality of suggested frame color

candidates.

21. (Currently Amended) A computer program product embodied in a computer

readable medium, said computer program product including a computer program for causing a

computer to perform processing image data representing an image, said computer program

product executing by directing the computer to execute the steps of:

extracting a feature quantity of a color of an image;

determining a frame color based on the feature extracted in said extracted step; and

generating a frame of the determined color around a periphery of the image and

combining the generated frame with the image.